

THOROUGH PROBE TO SETTLE LONG ROW OVER ORGANIC ACT

"Open-Minded" Members of Congress Will Be Named Vice President and Speaker

JOHNSON RIDER DROPS DEAD

Underwood Amendment Calls for Impartial Investigation During Next Year of Half-and-Half Plan.

After years of agitation concerning the half-and-half principle as it relates to the fiscal relations of the Federal and District governments, there is to be an impartial investigation of these relations to determine how much money should come from the Treasury of the United States in support of the National Capital.

When the House yesterday adopted, as told exclusively in the 5:30 edition of The Times, the Underwood amendment to the District bill as it came from conference, the enemies of the half-and-half plan met a temporary defeat and the way was made for an investigation of the entire controversy by a joint committee of the Senate and House.

With the adoption of the Underwood amendment, in lieu of the Johnson rider abrogating the existing arrangement (which rider the Senate had rejected), the last obstacle was removed in the passage of the District budget. Congressman Fiske, in charge of the bill in the House, said the Senate would promptly agree to the substitute proposal, and it would be unnecessary for the House again to consider the District bill.

Awaits President's Signature.

Following the concurrence of the Senate in the Underwood motion, and the signing of the bill by the President, the investigation will be launched with the appointment by the Vice President of three Senators and the appointment by the Speaker of three Congressmen to constitute the joint inquiry committee.

This committee probably will conduct exhaustive hearings in Washington during the summer, as the Underwood amendment requires a report to Congress by January 1, 1916.

It is understood that neither the Vice President nor the Speaker has determined upon the membership of the investigating committee. During the debate in the House yesterday, Congressman Fitzgerald suggested that Congressman Prouty of Iowa ought to be on the inquiry board. Mr. Prouty goes out of Congress, however, March 4, and will not thereafter be a member of the House, as stipulated in the Underwood proposal.

Proposed Inquiry.

In a "Christmas Day" interview given to The Times in 1914, the majority leader first expressed the view that there should be a thorough and impartial inquiry into the fiscal relations of the District and Federal governments.

He expressed at that time to the apparently over-riding controversy on this subject and admitted his own inability to do so, from the information available to him at the time.

When the House conference broke down over the Johnson rider, which provided that no Federal contribution could be made until all District revenues were levied, Mr. Underwood found his opportunity to put through the investigation idea which had been in his mind for more than a year and there will be an inquiry into the fiscal relations of the District and Federal governments.

Armor Plant Would Cost Government \$6,635,000

The joint committee representing Congress and the Navy Department which has been investigating the cost of a Government armor plant has submitted a report to Congress giving \$6,635,000 as the lowest cost of a plant of 20,000 tons capacity.

A plant double that size would cost \$10,331,000. The estimated cost of a ton of armor would be \$332 at the small and \$250 at the larger plant. The committee suggests that the plant might be constructed on the site of the Philadelphia navy yard.

WHY SOCIETY WOMEN WASH THEIR OWN HAIR

Few realize how many society women now wash their own hair. This home shampooing is not a fad but is due to the fact that people who wish to be sure about the preparation they use and who wish to insure the greatest possible hair beauty have found they get far the best results by use of a simple canthox mixture. In washing the hair it is not advisable to use a make-shift, but always use a preparation made for shampooing only. You can enjoy the best that is known for about three cents a shampoo by getting a package of canthox from your druggist; dissolve a teaspoonful in a cup of hot water and your shampoo is ready. After use the hair dries rapidly, with uniform color. Dandruff, excess oil and dirt are dissolved and entirely disappear. Your hair will be so fluffy that it will look much heavier than it is. Its texture and softness will also delight you. The stimulating scalp washes the scalp which insures hair growth—Adv.

BERGER SINGS HIS LAST DEATH ROLE

Famous Tenor Meets End as He Has Many Times in Wagnerian Opera.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Rudolf Berger, the part of Siegfried in "Götterdaemung" in the Metropolitan Opera House on February 18 for the last time, although the audience that heard him then did not realize it. The Austrian tenor, singer of Wagnerian roles, is dead in his apartment here.

Death came suddenly as Berger was chatting with Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company. In the room were the tenor's wife, Marie Rappold; Otto Weil, secretary of the Metropolitan, and Dr. Joseph Fraenkel.

Rumors of Berger's death spread rapidly among the audience last night in the opera house, but none of those on the stage were permitted to learn of it until after the performance of "Aida." Gatti was fearful of what the effect might be on the singers.

Berger died as he has pretended to die many times on the stage. In an attitude of intense pain, his hand gripped to his heart. Dr. Fraenkel, the cause of death was inflammation of the heart, which the physician explained afterward to Gatti, was too small for Berger's huge body.

Berger was ill when he sang Siegfried on February 18, and had to take an injection of morphine to finish the performance. He was supposed then to be suffering with acute rheumatism. Since then he had been confined to his bed.

Expect Whitman to Ask Repeal of Alien Clause

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Governor Whitman is expected to send a special message to the legislature at once urging the repeal of the alien clause in the labor law.

Meanwhile 10,000 aliens are likely to be discharged tomorrow by the subway construction contractors, owing to the decision of the court of appeals that the clause is unconstitutional.

Smoker Held by Members Of the El Dorado Club

The history and achievements of the El Dorado Club were discussed in addresses at the smoker of the club last night at 121 E. street northwest. Social and recreational activities were given. Participants were John P. Eckert, W. L. Radcliffe, Leon F. Cooper, Henry Spangler, Claude Nichols, Claude Stanton, Frank Goppel, Charles Dunn, John E. Tyler, and Victor Myers.

Dr. Wm. F. Rice Passes Army Medical Corps Test

Dr. William Frederick Rice, of this city, is one of six civilian physicians who will be admitted to the Medical Corps of the United States Army. They will attend the session of the Army Medical School beginning October 1.

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Reveals Unusual Money Saving Opportunities Throughout the Store
Every Department comes forward with values that will make Lansburgh & Bro. a bee hive of selling activity.

Opening of Spring Suits FOR WOMEN AND MISSES

An event of unusual importance to hosts of Washington women because it presents a timely offering with tremendous money-saving opportunities. Every woman deliberating upon the selection of a new spring suit will find her opportunity at Lansburgh & Bro.'s tomorrow. A thousand suits in a vast variety of new spring models, many of them direct copies of original models by Paquin—Paul Poiret—Drecoill—and Bernard—had others designed by several of America's foremost garment artists.

Suits Which are Generally Sold for \$25 and \$30 Specially Priced Here Tomorrow

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The styles include military, semi-empire and empire, nobby pleated semi-Norfolk, many finished with tancy tabs, buckles, and patch pockets. Coats are short model effects. Skirts the new full flare and gored effects; 2½ to 3 yards wide, with shirred, natural or high waist lines.

Materials include poplins, gabardines, crepe, poplins, and black and white checks. Colors are battleship gray, light gray, palm beach, tan, sand, covert, Belgian blue, putty, green, navy, and black.

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Lansburgh & Bro., 2d floor.

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A timely offering of these house dresses which are extraordinary values. Next figured and gingham, made in the new flare skirt effects; also the new vest style dresses. All sizes and worth from \$1.00 to \$1.25. A garment special at 95c.
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\$1.00 to \$1.25 Lainty Undermuslins 55c

Included in this extraordinary purchase are nightgowns, Pique Slip, Combination, Footie, Envelope Chemises, Corset Covers, and Drawers. They are made of excellent materials and beautifully trimmed with fine embroidery, lace, and ribbon. All sizes and worth from \$1.00 to \$1.25. A garment special at 55c.
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Made of an excellent quality corduroy velvet lined throughout with a good quality china silk. Large shawl collar and deep turn back cuffs. Light and dark shades. So smart are these garments, they are oftentimes used as Evening wraps.
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Size 2 to 6 years.
Made of fine Crepe Devonshire, Madras, Linen, and Batiste, trimmed with hand embroidered collars and cuffs and fancy effects of lace and embroidery styles and new empire effects plaited and ruffled skirts and princess effects.
Lansburgh & Bro.—3rd floor, Infants.

Brocade Silk Crepe Negligees Regular \$2.00 Values at \$1.00

A lot of unusual beauty. Bought by us at an underprice figure which enables us to sell at \$1.00 for choice. Made in Empire style with white organdy collar and cuffs. All shades and sizes.
Lansburgh & Bro.—3rd floor.

\$1.50 to \$3.00 Corsets C. B. Seconds 69c

Every woman knows what this announcement means coming as it does from Lansburgh & Bro.'s. It will cause brisk corset selling tomorrow. The lot includes high, low, and medium bust with long and medium hips. All sizes, 15 to 30.
To Sale Bargain Tables—Main Floor.

SILK Petticoats \$3 to \$5 Values \$1.77

Silk Taffeta, Silk Messaline and Silk Jersey

Another lot of these beautiful petticoats which caused such sensational selling a couple of weeks ago. If you did not get one then, be sure you are here tomorrow. Because they are wonderful value. They represent samples from one of our leading petticoat makers. Made in the new flare flounce and straight line effects. Some with the smooth fitted tops and others with drawstrings. A variety of the new shades including greens, blues, hammers, and blacks.

Lansburgh & Bro., Main Floor, Bargain Table.

Annual Spring Sale of Silks and Dress Goods

An Opportunity of Vital Importance to Every Woman
FOR FULL PARTICULARS SEE TODAY'S POST AND STAR

\$1.50 40-Inch All Silk Crepe de Chine, Yard 95c

EVERY WANTED COLOR AND BLACK

An announcement that should pack our silk department from store opening till closing time. These are positively a pure silk, with a genuine crepe de chine weave, soft, heavy and durable, and available in perfect in every respect. The color range includes myrtle, plum, coral, peacock, sage, olive, light blue, olive, flesh, brown, seal, sage, apricot, beige, tan, old rose, turquoise, beige, blue, purple, to the pink, pink, peacock, navy, peach, white, ivory, cream and black.

\$1.75 40-inch Charmeuse, yard \$1.15
A very heavy quality, and finished with a silk satin face, in shades of Mails, Light Blue, Pink, Ivory, Olive, Brown, Old Rose, Helle, Nile, Delaware, Peach, Teal, de Negro, Royal Blue, Wistaria, Navy, Myrtle and Black.

\$2.00 40-inch All-Silk Crepe Meteor, yard \$1.50
A rare black and satin face, all pure silk material, soft and beautiful. Very handsome, in wanted shades for street and evening gowns.

\$1.50 Silk and Wool Crepe Faille, 42-Inches Wide, Yard 78c

This one item alone should cause sensational selling in our dress goods section tomorrow. Firstly because crepe failles are one of the most favored materials for spring, 1915, and secondly because we offer choice of this beautiful lot at just about half their real worth. These crepes are made of the finest silk and wool and are splendidly adapted for the new boxpleated skirts. The color assortment includes cream, ivory, sand, navy, battleship gray, wall blue, beige, blue, myrtle, sage, olive, turquoise, brown, Copenhagen, mystery green, also an abundance of blacks. Whereas this is an enormous lot we would advise you to respond promptly for first choice in order to secure the shade desired, as a few of the colors are limited in quantity.

\$1.00 French Serge, 78c
Extra wide, 41 inches wide, in Sand, Putty, Battleship, Belgian Blue, Navy, Red, Mystery Green, Beige, Brown, Cream and Black.

\$2.00 Grosgrain Coat, \$1.00
48 inches wide in the new Putty, Sand, and Oxford, sponged, shirred, sported, and water proof, and crepe fabric for suits, \$2.00, or coats for spring wear. \$1.69

Here's Wonderful News!

White Lingerie Petticoats \$1.50 to \$3 Values 95c

Several hundred beautiful garments closed out to our buyer this week in New York. You should profit by this offer, which is one of the few and far between. Included in the lot are lace with embroidery, panels, fancy lace and insertings with wide embroidery, heading, and ribbon drawn, handsome embroidery, flounces, and some hand embroidered flounces. All lengths.

Lansburgh & Bro. 2nd floor—Undermuslins.

Sample Purchase of HAND-DRAWN WORK LINEN AND RENAISSANCE At ½ Price and Less

Entire sample line from one of the largest importers in New York, bought by us at a tremendous price concession, will be placed on sale beginning tomorrow. Over 1,000 pieces, ranging from 6-inch Dollies to 72-inch Luncheon cloths. Many of the kind and in the lot, but hundreds of different patterns from which to select. A like opportunity may never come again.

75c 24-INCH CENTERPIECES, 24-inch round and square pieces, with drawnwork centers and patterned edge. 75c value. 39c

30-inch round and square pieces, beautiful designs. 30c to \$1.25. 25c

54-inch round and square Luncheon cloths, Very handsome, \$5.50 to \$10.50 value. 10c

Values in the Above Lot Up to \$12.50

Seven Art Needle Work Specials for Tomorrow

50c Laundry Bags
Extra large size, with the word Laundry, stamped on good, heavy cloth, and tan buttoned cloth. 25c

98c to \$1.25 Stamped Waists
Stamped Muslinette, snowflake, and Dash Vole Waists; all new designs. 59c

39c Stamped Centers
29-inch Round Centerpieces, stamped on good quality Ulster cloth. 39c value at 19c

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Hooded are 18-inch Centerpieces, 12½ inch Fin Cushions, Bagant and the Bell cloths, also Tray Covers, stamped on good, heavy quality cloth. 15 cent pure linen, values to 39c. Choice. 10c
A complete line of all numbers in D. M. C. Mercantile Crochet Cotton from No. 1 to No. 150. Free Embroidery and Crochet Lessons.
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Early Spring Arrivals Preliminary Spring Opening in Our Millinery Section

Trimmed Hats at \$7.50, \$10, \$15, \$20
Flowers, Ostrich and Ribbon Trimmings Predominating

Our Opening Special

Trimmed Hats \$5.00 \$7.50 to \$10.00 Values at \$5.00

Comprising new and up-to-the-minute models in hemp and horse-hair braids, many with transparent brim.

Opening Special \$3.00 UNTRIMMED SHAPES 95c

Including large and small sailors, pokes, mushrooms, and turbans, in all the season's colors, such as putty, brown, green, purple, old rose, regimental blue, cerise, red, battleship gray, also black and white.

Opening Special 50c Flower Trimmings 25c

Consisting of all kinds of small flowers and natural roses so much in demand for this season's trimmings.

Lansburgh & Bro.—2nd floor—Millinery.

Spring Sale of Notions

On sale at department and on Bargain Tables, Main Aisle. For full particulars see Today's Post. A few of the specially priced items:

CLARK'S O. N. T. SPOOL COTTON; 200 yards; black and white. Dozen, 40c
Limit, 1 dozen to a customer.

COMMUNITY SPOOL SILK; 100-yd. spools; all the best shades. Spool, 5c
Limit, 1 dozen to a customer.

10c Snap Tape; black or white. Yard 10c
10c Hairpin Cabinets 10c
10c Corset Stays; all styles 5c
10c 1½ yd. Good Cotton 18c
10c Summer-weight Dress shields; for kimono 19c
10c Light-weight Guaranteed Shields; pair 10c
10c 300-count English Pins 10c
10c Cotton Belting; all widths. Yard 3c
10c Gold-eye Sewing Needles; all numbers. Paper 1c
10c 6-yard Pieces Beading. 10c

15c 36 and 48 Shirtwaist Lining 6-yard pieces 15c
10c Lingerie Tape; pink, white or blue. Piece 5c
10c 300-yard Spools (in this cotton). 3 for 10c
10c 400-count Dressmakers' Pins; 3 pieces for 10c
10c Black Skin Braids. Piece 5c
10c Rustproof Sandow Hooks and Eyes; each 1c
10c Human Hair Nets; cap or aur. 2 for 25c
10c All-silk Seam Binding. 7½c
10c 50 Asbestos Iron Holders. Piece 5c
10c 150 Grille Forms; all 10c